



Home Care and Hospice WebEx Call  
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1. The prevalent questions this week were the following licensure questions and 1135 waiver questions:
  - a. We received, reviewed and responded to questions regarding every imaginable aspect of license and licensure renewal.
  - b. Does Oklahoma law allow Nurse Practitioners to write orders to start home health? **No.** 310:662-5-1(c) states, “Skilled care shall not be provided by any agency, agency employee, or agency contractor unless and until the agency receives a physician’s order to provide skilled care.”
  - c. Hospice addressed in 310:661-5-1.3 (b) states, “The hospice registered nurse shall complete an initial assessment within forty-eight hours after the physician’s order for hospice care is received...”
  - d. There are currently no Oklahoma emergency or executive orders that specifically address 1135 blanket waivers for hospices and home health agencies. To ensure OSDH did not interfere with 1135 waivers and to ensure patients received needed and uninterrupted care during the COVID-19 crisis, we relaxed regulations to allow services to be provided as allowable under the 1135 waivers.
2. Survey activity: Immediate Jeopardy and focused Infection Control survey activity has continued throughout the COVID-19 crisis.
  - a. Surveys will be added to include non IJ high surveys and some focused routine surveys in the areas of infection control, neglect/abuse, staffing/competency and other quality of care issues.
  - b. Upcoming surveys may be unconventional as we utilize ways to mitigate the spread of infection.
3. Revisit and revise your emergency preparedness plan as changes in situation occur.
4. Please review the current 1135 waivers as well as CMS and State regulatory guidance.
5. For regular updates and information, please visit [www.coronavirus@health.ok.gov](mailto:www.coronavirus@health.ok.gov)